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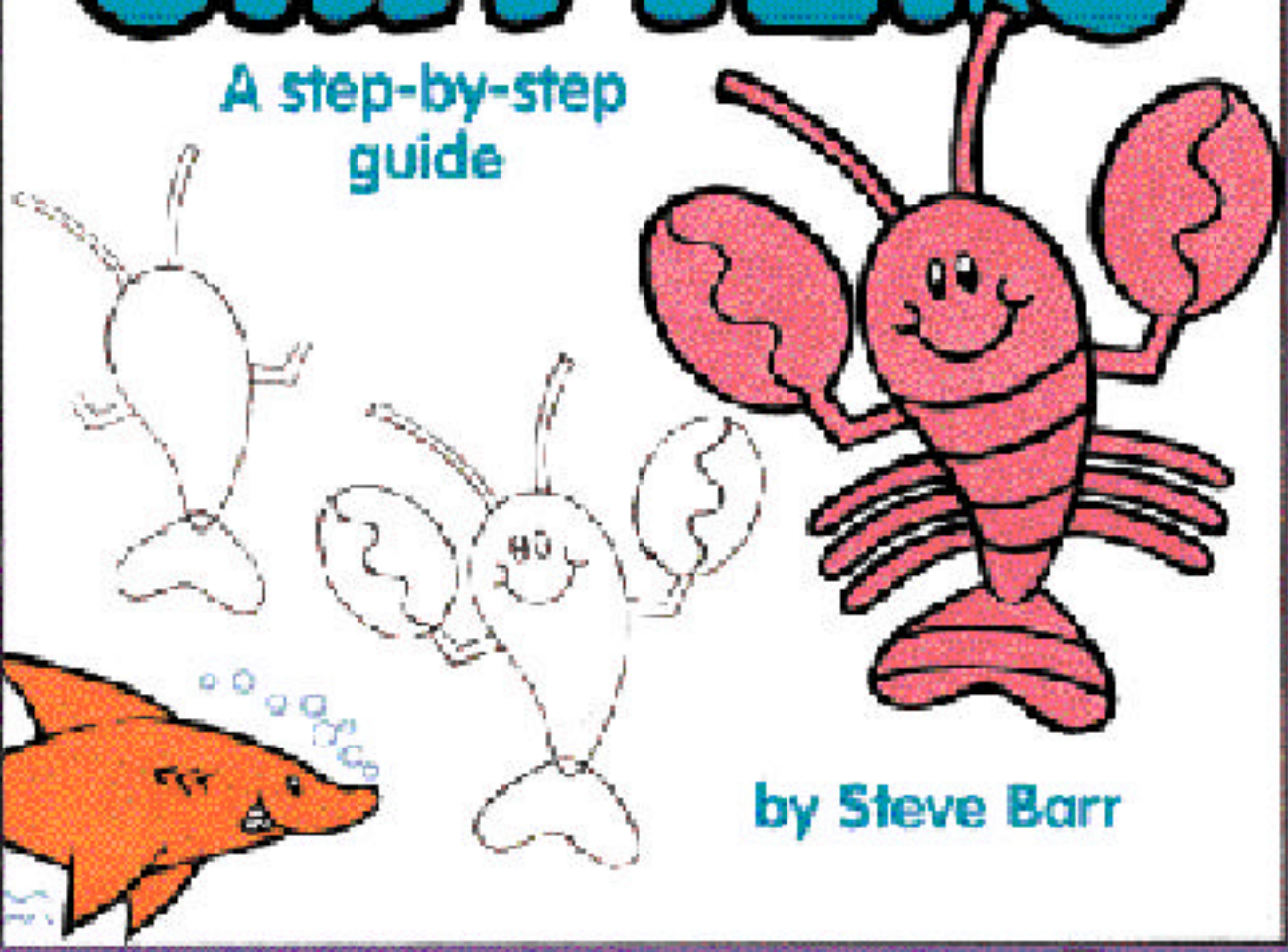

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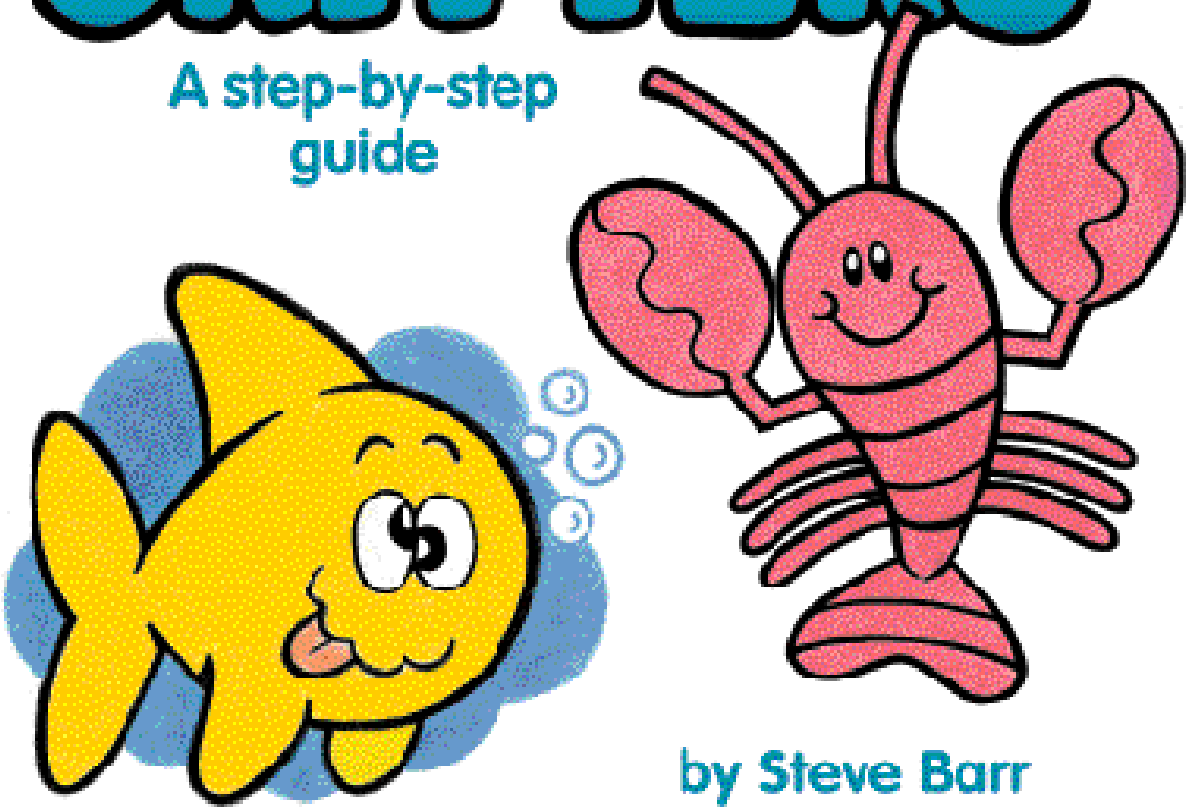

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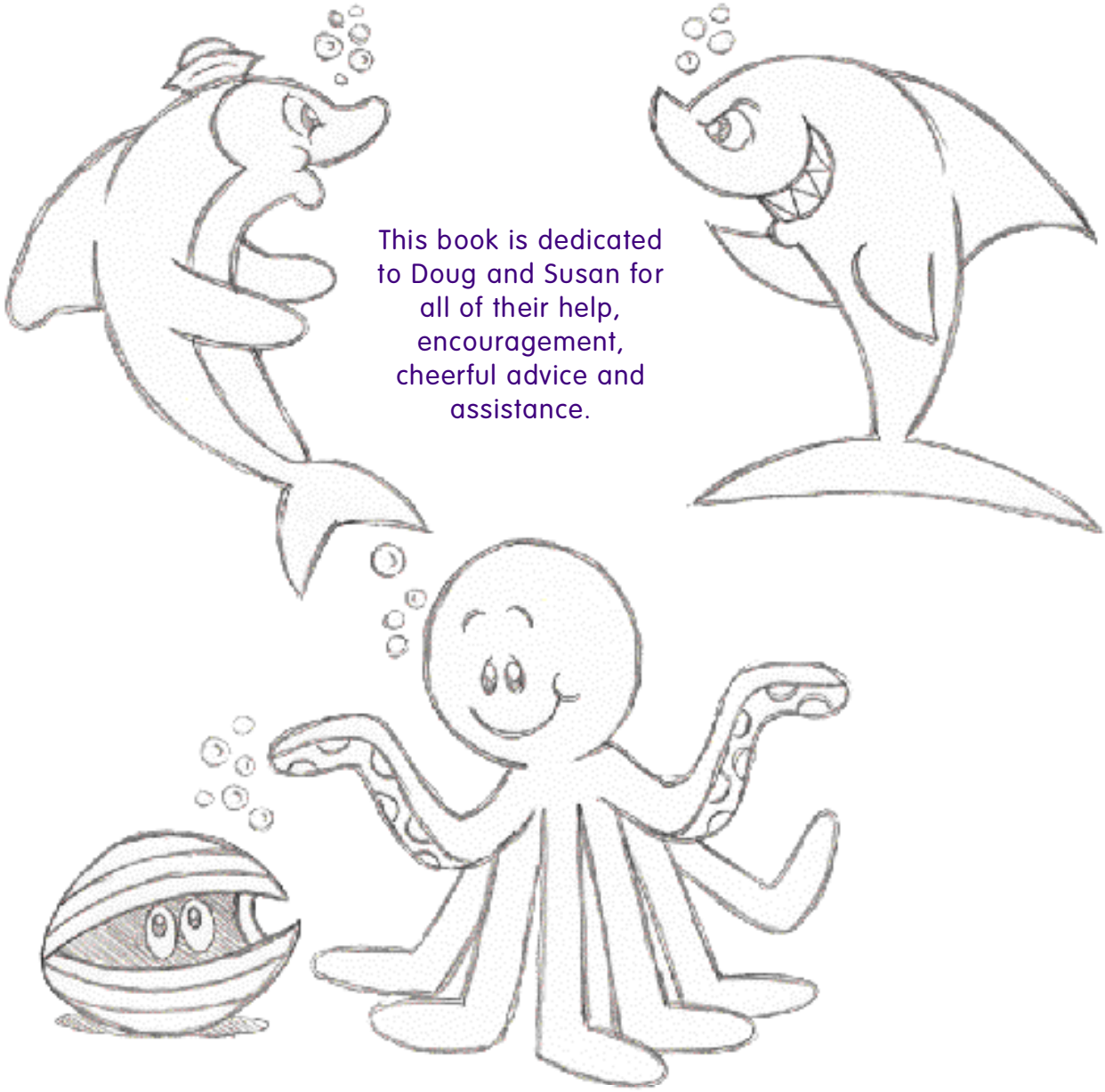

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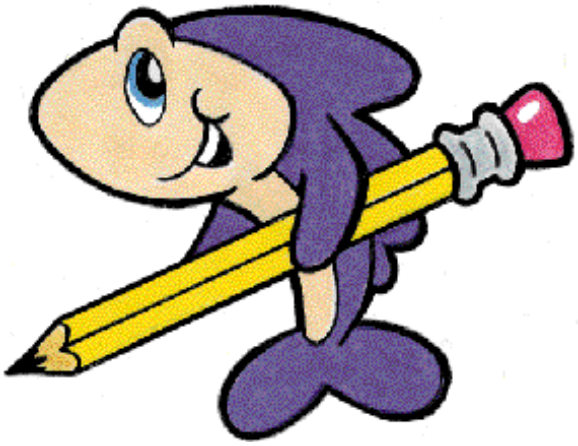

Before you begin...

Stop! Look! Listen!

You will need:

1. a sharpened pencil
2. paper
3. an eraser
4. a pencil sharpener
5. colored pencils, markers or crayons
6. a comfortable place to sit and draw
7. a good light source

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NO RULES!

This book is designed to teach you the basics of cartoon drawing. There are no rules about cartooning! You can use any shapes you want to make a cartoon picture. The fish on this page changes dramatically just by changing the shape of the tail and dorsal fin.

Sketch, doodle, play!

If the instructions tell you to use an oval to draw something and you want to use a square, draw a square. Try out different shapes to see what you can create. Explore and experiment as you go through this book. Change the drawings in this book to make them your very own. If your new drawing makes you giggle, you are doing it right!

Cartooning tips:

1. Draw lightly at first – SKETCH, so you can erase extra lines easily.
2. Practice, practice, practice!
3. Have fun cartooning!

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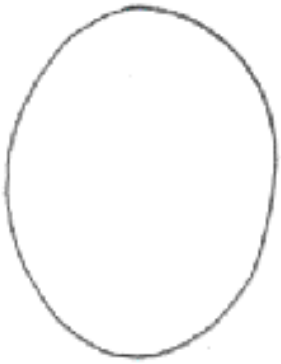
Basic Shapes and Lines

Here are the basic shapes and lines you will use to draw cartoon sea critters:



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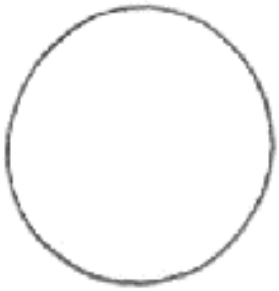

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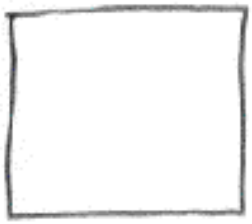
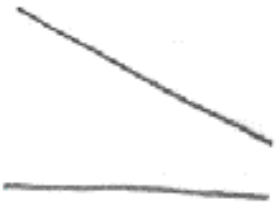
Rectangle



Square



Straight lines

Squiggly lines

Curved lines

Rounded wave

Sharp wave

Valentines

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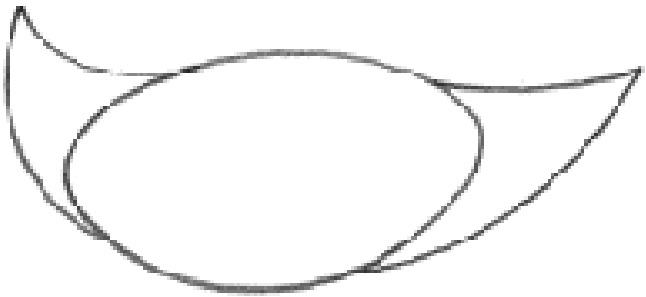
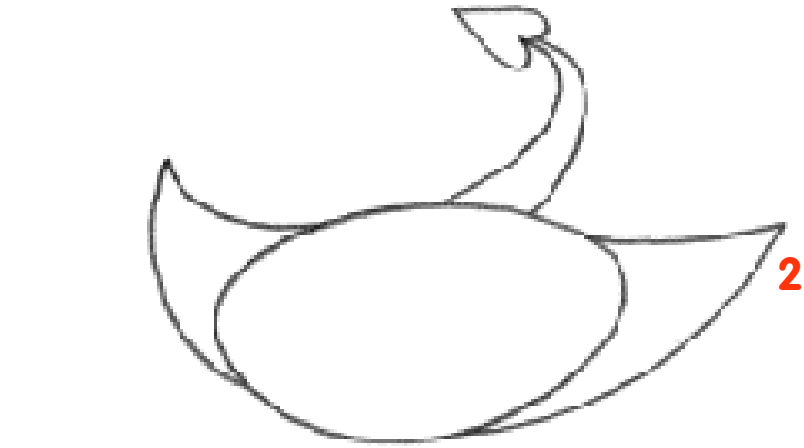
Manta ray

Let's begin by using some of the basic shapes and lines to draw a manta ray.

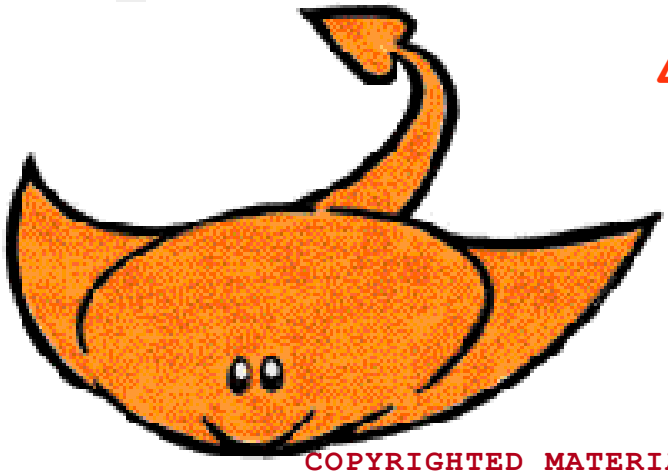


1 Sketch an oval for the body. Draw a sharp wave shape on each side, for fins.



2 Draw two curved lines to begin the tail. Add a valentine shape to the end, for the tail tip.

3 Sketch a curved line for the mouth. Draw ovals for eyes. Darken part of each eye.



4 LOOK at the final drawing! Erase extra sketch lines. Darken the final lines. Add color.

Nice job!

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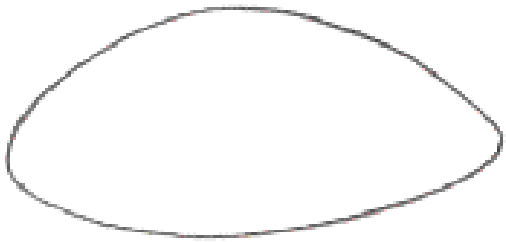
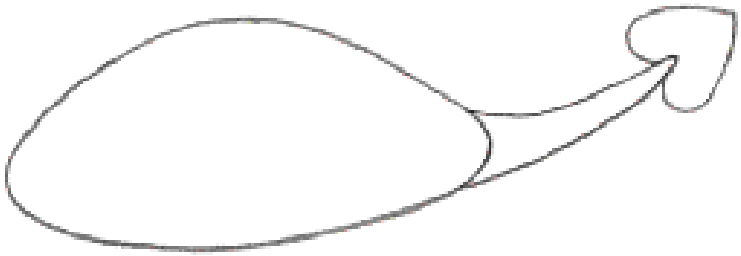
Manta ray (side view)

A ray is a type of fish with a flat body; large winglike fins; and a small, whiplike tail. Let's draw a side view of a manta ray, using simple shapes and lines.

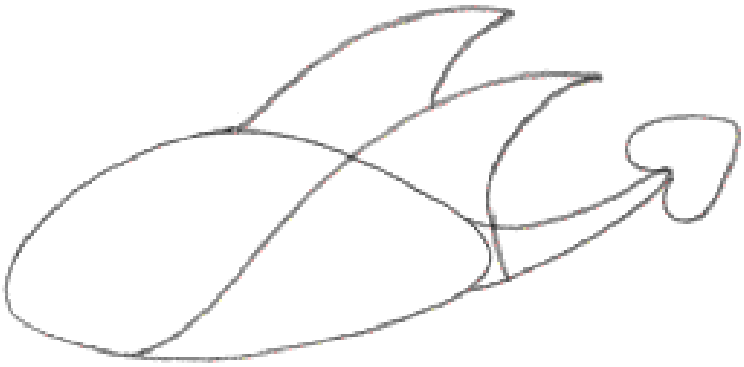
1 Sketch a slightly flattened oval for the body.



2 Draw two curved lines for the tail. Add a valentine shape for the tail tip.



3 Draw two sharp wave shapes, connecting to the body, for the fins.



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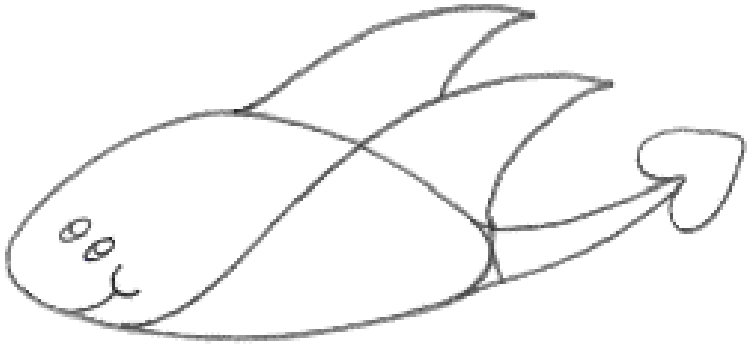
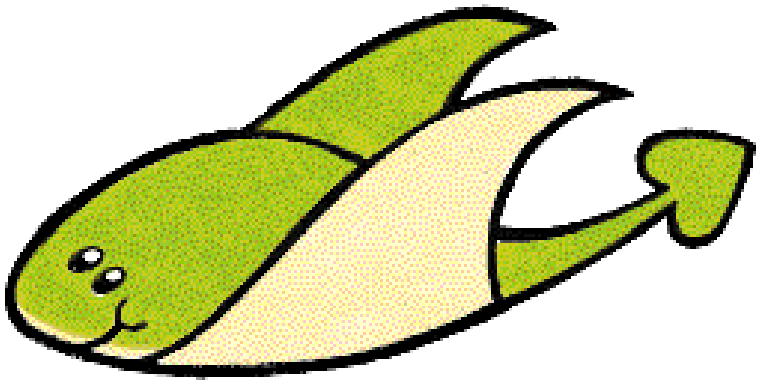
4 Draw two ovals with circles inside them, for eyes.



5 Sketch two curved lines for a smile.



6 LOOK at the final drawing! Darken part of each eye. Erase extra sketch lines. Add color.

What a happy ray!

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Eel

An eel is a long snakelike fish. Let's draw a cartoon eel.

1 Sketch an oval for the head. Draw a long squiggly line to begin the body and tail.

2 Add another squiggly line, above the first line, connecting to the head and tail. Draw another connecting, squiggly line on the bottom.

3 Draw an oval, with two curved lines inside it, for the eye.

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4 Draw two curved lines for a smiling mouth.

5 Add curved lines inside the eel's fin.

6 LOOK at the final drawing! Darken part of the eye. Erase extra sketch lines. Add color.

Great eel! Electric personality!

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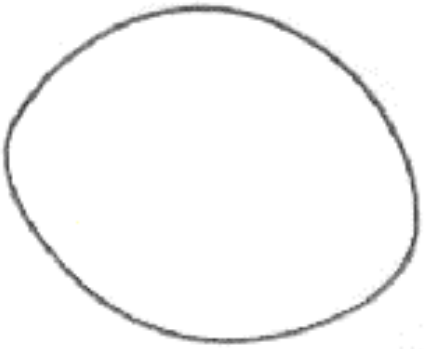
Clam

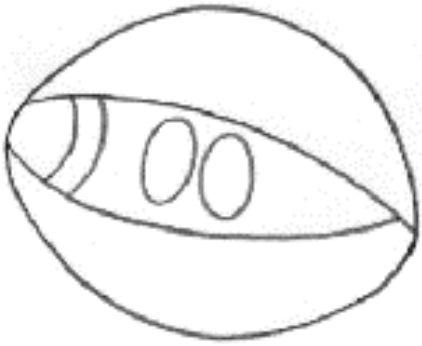
A clam is a shellfish with two hinged shells. Using simple lines and shapes, let's draw a clam.

1 Sketch an oval.



2 Add two curved lines inside the oval, for the opening of the shells.

3 Draw two small curved lines on one side. Add two ovals for eyes.



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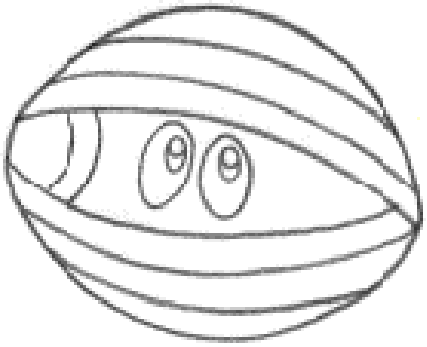
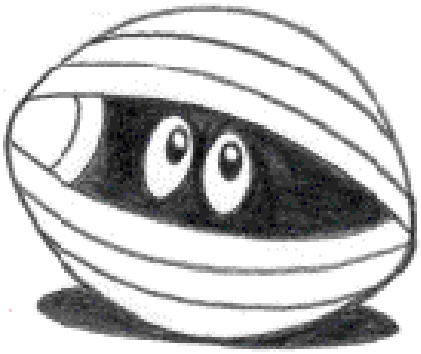


4 Add curved lines to the top and bottom of the shell. Draw an oval with a small circle inside it for each eyeball.



5 Darken part of each eyeball and the inside of the shell. Draw a shadow below the clam.

6 LOOK at the final drawing! Erase extra sketch lines. Add color and the details you see.

Happy clam!

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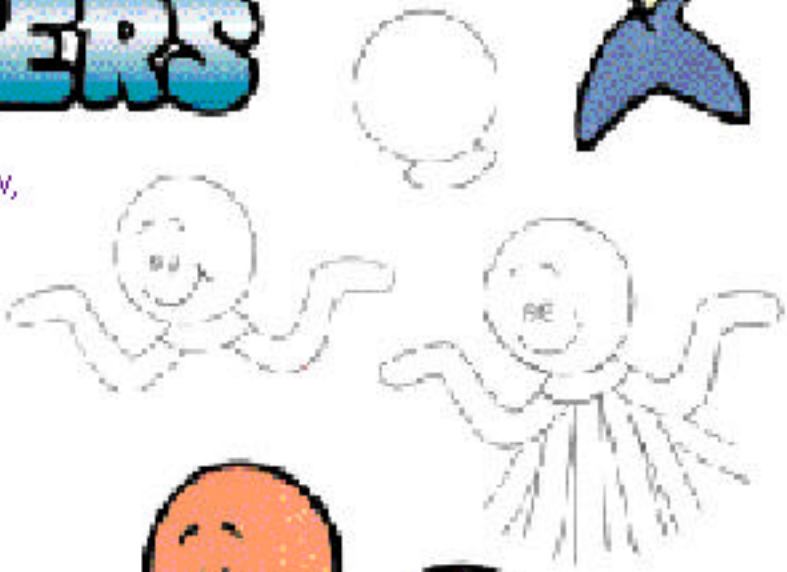

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